

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

JOHN HAGELIN,

Complainant,

VS.

M.U.R. # 5061

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN, BUCHANAN FOR PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, A/K/A BUCHANAN REFORM, AND ANGELA BAY BUCHANAN,

Respondents.

FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF GENERAL
COUNCEL

WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT WITHOUT PREJUDICE

The undersigned John Hagelin files this Withdrawal of Complaint Without Prejudice and states the following:

- On August 9, 2000 John Hagelin sent for filing a Complaint to the Federal Election
 Commission ("FEC"). On August 10, 2000 the Complaint was received by the Office of General
 Counsel of the FEC.
- 2. Since that time, James Mangia, former National Secretary and then Acting Chair of the Reform Party of the U.S.A. ("Reform Party") on August 11, 2000 filed a Complaint with the FEC (the "Mangia Complaint").
- 3. The substance of the Mangia Complaint has been reported to be the same basis as the Complaint that the undersigned John Hagelin filed on August 10, 2000.
- 4. In addition, since the undersigned John Hagelin filed a Complaint on August 10, 2000, Darryl Wold, the Chairman of the FEC, on August 12, 2000 announced that the FEC would

investigate the circumstances underlying the validity of the expected certification to be received by the FEC from Patrick J. Buchanan and the Buchanan Campaign. Undoubtedly the FEC will so investigate under its authority "to conduct... such investigations as it deems necessary to carry out (its) functions and duties (under the Fund Act)." 26 U.S.C. § 9009(b).

5. For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned John Hagelin hereby withdraws his Complaint filed with the FEC on August 10, 2000 without prejudice to the right to refile such a complaint in the future based upon circumstances existing at such time.

Respectfully submitted

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